

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
May 8, 2006 – 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Virginia Bridle-Russell, Chairman  
Ben Moore, Vice-Chairman  
James Workman  
Bill Lally  
James S. Barrington, Town Manager  
Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

**REGRETS:** Rick Griffin

**Chairman Virginia Bridle-Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and introduced those in attendance.**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Mr. Workman announced that the Hampton Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting the Youth Fishing Derby this Saturday, May 13 at 8am.

Mr. Moore said that the Boy Scouts are having a Yard Sale this Saturday, May 13 until 2pm at the Tuck Museum.

Mr. Lally thanked the past owners of the Ashworth Hotel, Norman and John Grandmaison for their many years of service.

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**II. APPOINTMENTS**

**1 – COMMISSIONER BALD & ALSION MCLEAN (DRED) – POLICIES & PROJECTS**

Commissioner Bald commented on the strong relationship between the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) and the Town of Hampton. He discussed the Hampton seawall project which should be complete by next memorial day. Financing for the project came from the Hampton Beach Improvement Fund.

The cost to DRED for operating the beach is substantial as they have over one hundred seasonal employees.

Alison McLean has been closely involved in working with Hampton Beach since co-chairing the master plan committee. She too commented on the excellent relationship between the Town and State.

DRED is working with the Senate Bill 5 (SB5) committee which is a state park study commission that was established last year. The purpose of the commission is to look at the feasibility of the state park system in New Hampshire. New Hampshire is the only state that has self funded state parks (i.e. operated and managed by fees generated by users). The SB5 committee has been studying revenue enhancements to the park systems. The SB5 finance subcommittee recommended bonding \$20 million for improvements to the park system with \$10 million of that going to improve the Seashell area. The Hampton Beach Master Plan was a supporting document in the State's decision to fund Hampton Beach improvements.

Mr. Lally asked how Hampton Beach ranks in comparison to other State parks. Ms. McLean said that Hampton generates one third of the State's operating budget which is equivalent to the amount generated by Franconia.

Mr. Moore asked if the recommendations from the SB5 committee are on the State's website. Ms. McLean was not certain if it was. Public Hearings are planned to discuss the recommendations throughout New Hampshire. Therefore it is important that the information is made available to citizens. It was suggested that Hampton may link to the State's website or the document may be directly placed on the Town's website.

### **III. MINUTES – MAY 1, 2006**

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Item 2 under Appointments – Gary Kubik – Hampton Beach Precinct Commission renewal of lease – should be May 31, 2009 rather than March 31.

The minutes of May 1<sup>st</sup> stand as corrected.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

##### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection date is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon behind the old town office.

##### **Transfer Station Free Disposal Weekend**

The Transfer Station Free Disposal Weekend is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> from 8am to 4pm for residential customers only. Items such as computer monitors, Freon appliances and mattresses will still be chargeable items.

##### **Retirements**

Betty Poliquin, Deputy Town Clerk will be retiring on July 31 after 11 years with the Town. On June 1 Police Sergeant Franklin "Gussie" Knowles will be retiring. Gussie has served the citizens of Hampton in the Police Department for 30 years.

### **Fire Alarm Service**

Fire Chief Hank Lipe confirmed that the notices have gone out about the discontinuance of the fire alarm service by the Town of Hampton.

### **Beach Restrooms**

Brian Warburton requested that Mr. Barrington announce that the Hampton Seashell bathrooms are open daily from 8am to 8pm until May 25. Also North Beach is open to 7pm and Ross Avenue to 6pm until May 25th. Mr. Warburton will send us a new schedule later that will be in effect from May 25 to September 10.

### **Naming Landmarks in Honor of Veterans**

American Legion Post 35 Commander Ralph Fatello reported to Mr. Barrington that they are now considering a number of options that have been offered for properties / sites to be named in honor of Bruce Brown and Mark Brown. He suggested that they will probably be ready by the May 22 meeting to report back to the Board on the recommendations of the American Legion.

### **Tax Warrant**

The Tax Warrant should be available for the Selectmen to sign on Monday, May 15. With that, Tax Collector Joyce Sheehan will be prepared to mail the bills on May 16. Since we are heavily into our Tax Anticipation Note authority now, we will be looking forward to the cash flow that is usually generated by the mailing of the tax bills.

### **Parking Lot Paving**

The parking lot paving contract has been awarded to Bell & Flynn. The company provided the best offer and addressed the drainage issues. Paving should commence on May 13 and be complete by Memorial Day.

### **Modular Trailers**

Public Works Director John Hangen asked if the Board would consider the larger modular building for the Public Works sewer and drains crew. A large modular trailer is still available. Town Assessor Bob Estey, believes that the value of the building would exceed \$5,000, and upon presentation of further information, there is a different RSA governing the acceptance of personal property versus cash that has a \$500 threshold for a public hearing. In order to accept either, the Board will need to schedule a public hearing (May 22 at the earliest) and have a notice published in a local paper.

The Sullivan et al vs. Town of Hampton case is scheduled before the Supreme Court on Thursday, May 11.

The Growth Management ordinance court date has been set for May 15.

The Town office has received a request from a local cub scouts group to post signs on a number of town properties.

### **SELECTMEN'S RESPONSE TO THE TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Lally asked if the parking lot in the beach area would be paved first. Mr. Barrington believes so. He also commented on alternative relining to maximize the number of parking spaces.

Mr. Moore inquired about the process of naming streets and asked if a public hearing is required. Mr. Barrington believes that a motion by the Selectmen is the only requirement but he will verify.

Mr. Workman asked if the paving of the parking lots will be complete by Memorial Day. Mr. Barrington believes that the paving should be done in the Ashworth lot by May 29<sup>th</sup> and he is not positive about the High Street lot.

A cost estimate of moving a large and small modular trailer to the Public Works Department will be provided to the Board.

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to schedule a public hearing on May 22 to accept one of the modular trailers from the Winnacunnet High School. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Workman noted that the trailer size will be discussed at the public hearing.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**Cub Scouts Request**

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to allow the Hampton Cub Scouts to post their temporary signs on Town property until May 31<sup>st</sup>. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

**DISCUSSION:**

There was concern about being selective with local clubs. Private property may be used.

**VOTE: 2 FOR**

**2 OPPOSED – Bridle-Russell & Workman  
Motion failed due to lack of majority.**

**2 –RESOLUTION OF AERIAL LADDER LEASE PURCHASE**

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Resolution of Governing Body agreement with SunTrust for the purchase of the aerial ladder truck. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**3 – NO PARKING – WALNUT STREET**

A historical document of all the correspondence regarding this request has been provided to the Board for their review. The area of concern is a right-of-way where people are parking. In the winter time the area is used by Public Works crews for the purpose of storing snow. When the area is not available due to vehicles being in the way, the piled snow becomes a problem for neighbors in the area.

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to have a public hearing on amending the Town ordinances to provide for “No Parking” on Walnut Avenue east of Sapphire Avenue. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

#### **4 – ELDERLY EXEMPTION**

Irene Scaturro has requested the Board consider an extension on her late filing for an elderly exemption. The Assessing office has indicated that she would have qualified if not for the lateness of her application.

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to waive the April 15 deadline in accordance with RSA 73:33, Section I-a, and accept the elderly exemption. **Mr. Lally SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Moore inquired if the improvements have begun at the Public Works department. Mr. Barrington believes that the planning has begun and the actual improvements will begin in the winter time.

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to appoint a committee of three to inspect the former Town Hall and provide a condition report. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

##### **DISCUSSION:**

The report will be due midsummer. There are many viable purposes for the building. Residents with experience in construction or inspecting buildings may contact the Selectmen in writing.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

#### **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1 – License for Coin Operated amusement Devices
- 2 – Temporary Street Closure Request

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to approve the consent agenda. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

#### **VII. - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Author Moody discussed the paving of the Ashworth and High Street parking lots. Mr. Moody also commented on the State laws that deal with receiving personal property. In addition, he also talked about Tax Anticipation Notes and the Hampton Beach Precinct Commission.

#### **VIII. - CLOSING COMMENTS:**

Mr. Moore requested that the Town Manager look into the payment schedule for the Precinct Commission and its authority to borrow Tax Anticipation Notes.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

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Chairman